

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Hubert, Councilmember Crowley, Councilmember Paul and Councilmember Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Kovanes, Town Attorney Kiar and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

Mr. Kovanes advised the proposed millage was a tentative amount, which was the maximum, allowed. He advised that the final rate would be determined at the second reading in September. Mayor Truex complimented Mr. Kovanes and staff for their work on the process. He indicated he would take Mr. Kovanes' recommendation to stick with the current rate.

Councilmember Paul spoke of the \$106 that was included from the fire assessment and asked if the Town actually reduced the fire fee. Mr. Kovanes advised that the projection was that a \$700,000 deficiency would result, which would have to be eliminated somewhere else in the budget. Councilmember Paul was pleased that staff was not taking money out of reserves to balance the budget.

Councilmember Crowley asked if the rates given for different cities were existing or rollback rates. Mr. Kovanes responded that these were current rates. Councilmember Crowley supported capping the existing millage rate, as he was concerned about the significant impact on some residents by taxing agencies. He wanted Council to closely look at this and possibly reduce the millage.

Councilmember Starkey felt the proposal was well done and requested a narrative, organizational chart and future forecasting for each department.

Assistant Town Administrator Ken Cohen advised that the Town's millage rate with debt service next year would be lower.

Vice-Mayor Hubert asked what the Town was doing different compared to other cities whose millage rates were lower. Mr. Kovanes pointed out that the Town took a position based on its rural lifestyle initiative and economic development goals that incurred costs that other cities did not. Councilmember Paul added that other cities had higher recreational fees.

Councilmember Crowley asked if the year to date figure was based on six-month expenditures. Mr. Cohen responded this was generally the case.

Councilmember Starkey requested to see five-year figures from departments along with narrative and forecasting of specifically programmed personnel. She felt it was important to look at what the different departments' goals were to ensure they were in line with Council's vision.

Councilmember Crowley suggested using the Comprehensive Audit Report in future budget planning efforts.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk

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